under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary in the Ministry of Defence was constituted.The recommendations of the Committee were examined in the Ministry and some of them have been accepted in principle for implementation.

2. As far as the structure of training is concerned, the process is itself dynamic.The training needs are based on changing threat perception, operational objectives and analysis of the weaknesses and strengths of the forces. Army also issues a Biennial Training Directive, the core policy document which lays down the policy for the entire Army. It contains the Army vision, training objectives and approach to be adopted in meeting the training needs of the Army. Training needs are continually reviewed, updated and monitored at all levels.

Death of a soldier at Siachen

†1574. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a state of confusion is prevailing over death of a soldier named Balvinder who was deployed at Siachen Glacier in the night of 31st July;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons for death of the said soldier?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):(a) to (c) The circumstances under which the death of No. 14438134 Gnr (TA) Balwinder Singh occurred, are under investigation.

Establishment of a Laboratory for testing torpedoes

1575. SHRI MURLIDEORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the laboratory for the testing of torpedoes in sheltered water was established by Defence Research and Development Organisation;

(b) the details with amount invested therein;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.